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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are also enclosed.

The cited references were called to Applicant's attention in the annexed European Search Report for European Patent Application No. 99 919 640.5, which is a counterpart to the instant case, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited art.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing of an Office Action, and so no fee is believed to be due.

Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required for the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, as well as any other fee which may now or hereafter be due, to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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